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WASHINGTON, June 28, 1984 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended June 23 totaled an estimated 18.4 billion ton-miles, 10.9 percent above the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today. The 1984 week was affected by flooding conditions in the Midwest.

Cumulative volume for the first 25 weeks of 1984 was an estimated 444.8 billion ton-miles, 15.8 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended June 23 totaled 409,485, up 8.6 percent from last year, and 0.7 percent higher than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were up 18.0 percent in the East, 8.0 percent in the South and 3.0 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1983, 11 of the 21 commodity groups showed increases. Coal loadings were up 21,034 cars (20.0 percent), and motor vehicles and equipment showed a gain of 2,764 cars (15.2 percent). Fourteen of the 21 groups increased from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended June 16 totaled 50,426 cars, up 8.4 percent from the corresponding week of 1983, and 88,486 trailers and/or containers, 9.7 percent higher than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 24 weeks of the year was 1,208,392 cars, 17.6 percent higher than last year, and 2,086,914 trailers and/or containers, up 17.8 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 6/23/84:

	Loadings in Week ended June 23, 1984		Change from Corresponding Week 1983			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	24,767	D	561	2.2	I	711	2.9
Other farm products	3,744	D	328	8.1	D	22	0.6
Metallic ores	20,569	D	1,725	7.7	I	1,470	7.1
Coal	125,966	I	21,034	20.0	I	334	0.3
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	12,642	I	1,495	13.4	D	232	1.8
Nonmetallic minerals	11,823	I	15	0.1	D	991	8.4
Grain mill products	10,270	D	1,164	10.2	I	208	2.0
Food and kindred products	11,184	I	122	1.1	I	479	4.3
Primary forest products	14,129	D	177	1.2	I	400	2.8
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,424	D	332	4.3	I	200	2.7
Pulp, paper and allied products	15,181	D	448	2.9	I	348	2.3
Chemicals and allied products	23,332	I	1,766	8.2	I	310	1.3
Petroleum products	4,945	I	143	3.0	I	76	1.5
Stone, clay and glass products	11,522	I	899	8.5	D	115	1.0
Coke	5,375	D	40	0.7	D	640	11.9
Metals and products	9,888	I	1,944	24.5	I	100	1.0
Motor vehicles and equipment	21,007	I	2,764	15.2	I	9	0.0
Waste and scrap materials	10,107	I	1,888	23.0	I	495	4.9
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	7,182	D	1,161	13.9	I	84	1.2
All other carloads	58,207	I	6,378	12.3	D	330	0.6
LCL traffic	221	D	74	25.1	D	16	7.2
Total Cars Loaded	409,485	I	32,438	8.6	I	2,878	0.7
Corresponding week of 1983	377,047						

	1984	1983	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (25 weeks)	9,884,265	8,808,302	I 12.2
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
24 weeks ended June 16	426.4	367.7	I 16.0
Week ended June 23	18.4	16.5	I 10.9
25 weeks cumulative	444.8	384.2	I 15.8

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